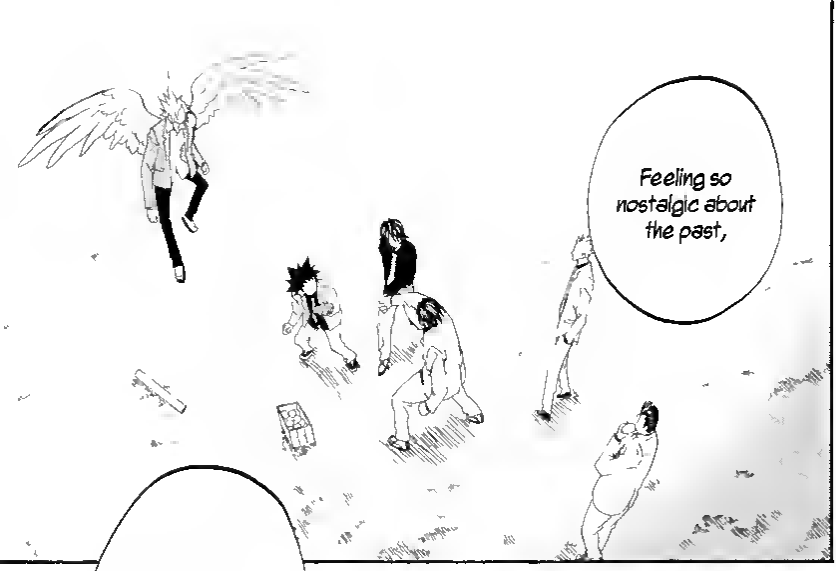


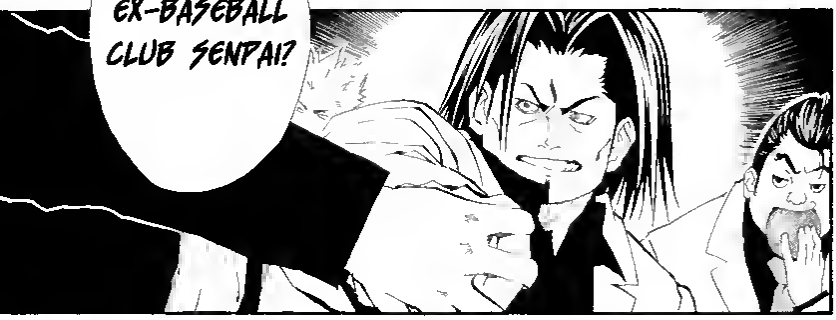

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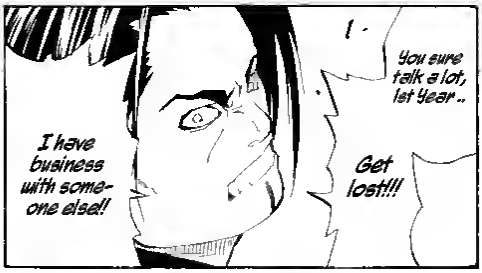
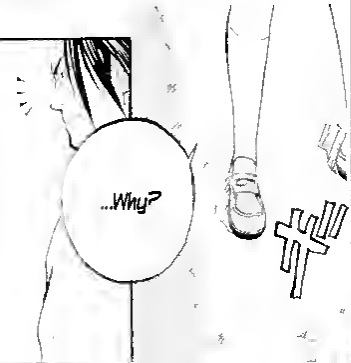
But isn't that precisely the reason something like 'that' happened?
Using violence to solve any problem is nice and simple,
YOU BETTER SHUT YOUR MOUTH OR I'LL KILL YOU!!

yee!
HEY, SHRIMP!!! I'M TALKING ABOUT YOU!!


You sure talk a lot, for a shrimp..
I have business with someone else!
Get lost!!!

What!?
"Next time"?
A- Aaaahhh!! Ta-Ta- Takami-kun, I'm telling you we better stop this For now There's always a next time!


...Why?

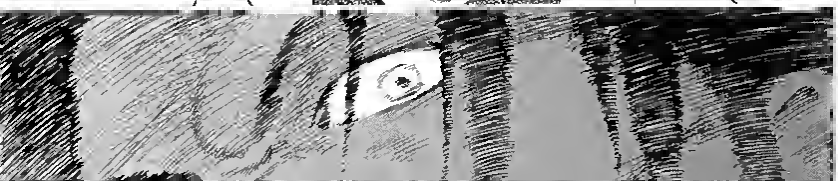
I'M JUST TELLING YOU TO STOP MAKING A BASEBALL CLUB!!!
YOU JUST HAVE TO LISTEN!! HOW STUPID ARE YOU!?

He's working so hard,
so why can't he start a Baseball club?
Maybe... It isn't my business .. but...
...but I want to support him!
WHAT'S WITH THIS WOMAN
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
Hino-san...?
And the baseball club he's—
Oof

A...
Aaaaain

Ouch
I-I-I'm sorry
B-b-but...
DAMN YOU, BITCH!!!
HOW DARE YOU EMBARRASS ME.

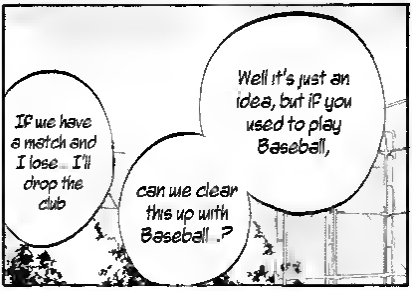
Don't you like... Baseball?
You are an Ex-...Baseball club member... Right?

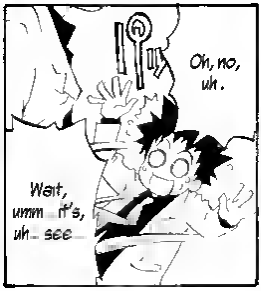


YOU'RE NOISY.
...UUH
H-hey

IN THIS AGE WOMEN AND MEN ARE EQUAL, RIGHT?
HMM? WHAT AN OLD-FASHIONED LINE.
IS NOTHING BUT A LOSER!!
A guy that punches a girl's face...
Hey, senpai, You know something?
Yukie-chan, can you please take her to the nurse..
O-ok
.....
Hmm?
!
.....

YOU—!!!


If we have a match and I lose... I'll drop the club
Well it's just an idea, but if you used to play Baseball,
can we clear this up with Baseball .?

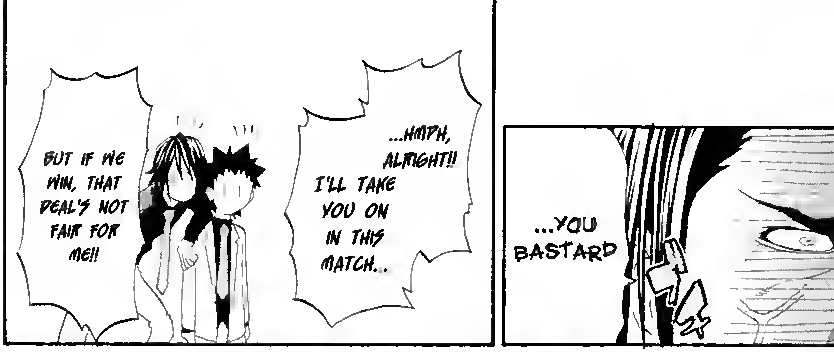

Oh, no, uh.
Wait, umm... it's, uh... see...

HAA!?

I'LL HAVE YOU APOLOGIZE TO HINO-SAN!!
If I win,
could you pl—... no!

Er...umm, so...

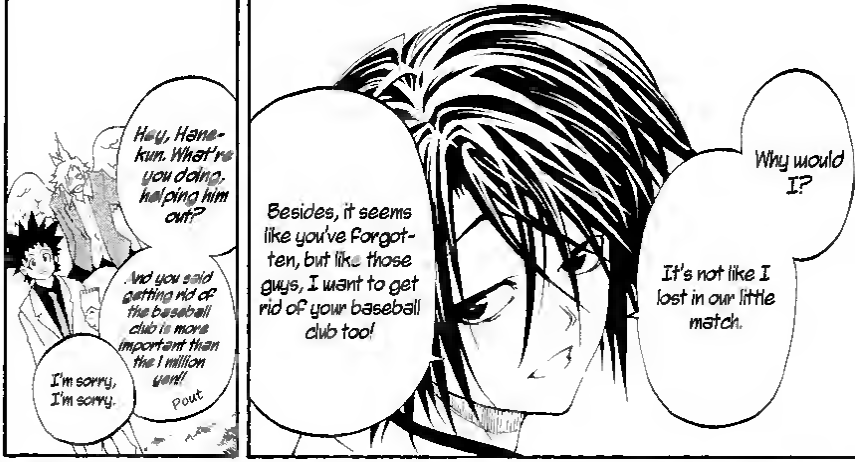
APO-
LOGI-
ZE!!?
CUT OUT THE CRAP! WHY MUST I APOLOGI-
You sure are stupid. He only said if you lose...
WHAT!!?
...Or could it be you're afraid you'll lose,
3rd Year, Class A, Hotta Ken senpai?
—Why does this guy know that!?
Ex-baseball club member, Left Fielder, 5th batter.
Whatever happened, you were a batter strong enough to be given that position.
BUT IF YOU'RE STILL NOT SURE WHETHER YOU CAN HIT A BALL PITCHED BY AN AMATEUR 1ST YEAR LIKE HIM,
YOU CAN JUST RUN, YOU KNOW?


BUT IF WE WIN, THAT DEAL'S NOT FAIR FOR ME!!
...HMPH, ALRIGHT!! I'LL TAKE YOU ON IN THIS MATCH...
...YOU BASTARD

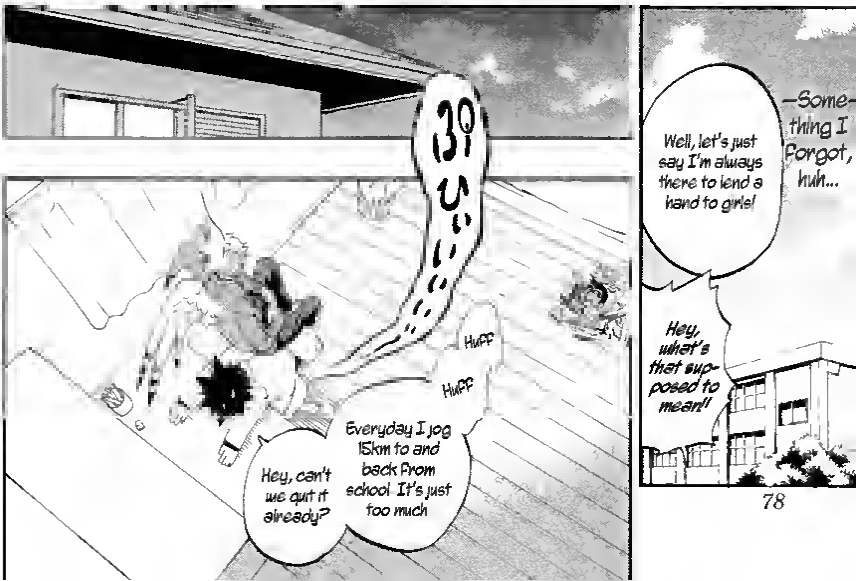
SHUT UP!! WE'LL HAVE THE MATCH THIS WEEK-END!!
What!? Hey, wait, no—
WE'LL CHOOSE THE GROUNDS. YOU BETTER BE THERE!!
IF WE WIN... SHRIMP, I'LL TAKE YOUR RIGHT ARM...
AND BREAK IT!!!
THAT WAY YOU'LL NEVER PLAY BASE-BALL AGAIN!!

I- I'm I'm all Fine ok!
Oh.. Hino-san ...Are you ok?
...I'm very sorry. It's my fault...
I- I'm in deep shit.
Oh my
...But more importantly, I... don't know what to say...
Ooooh, no, no, no. Don't worry about it.

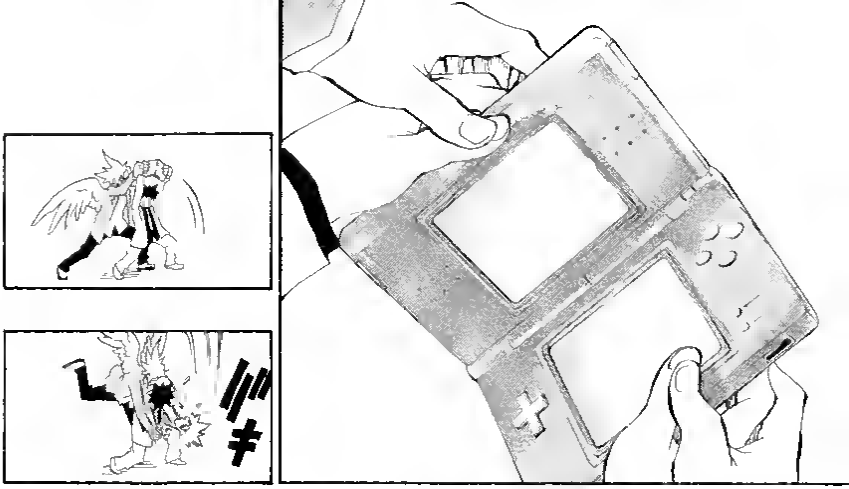
Aaaaaahhh!!!
And I'm gonna face those guys?
...And that was the end of the club!
They lost completely in a match against a well-known school and vented their anger on the team by storming into the school and attacking the baseball club members, who all ended up in the hospital.
...Although it was never more than just a group of delinquents.
B- by the way,
this school had a Baseball club?
Oh yeah... Until 2 years ago.
Cowards!!!
Guess they ran away when they saw the chance.. Oh well.
BASEBALL CLUB RECRUITS
Hey, they're gone!!!
You idiot! Then what was the point of the 1 million yen bet!?
Oh right, now we have a lot of people in the cl—
Oh yeah, we don't have a team. How're we gonna play!?
Huh!? Uh, umm, wait... You're not going to the match with me. ?
Bye then
Good luck! You'll need it.
—This
!
Here you go.
The classes and names of the guys that were here.

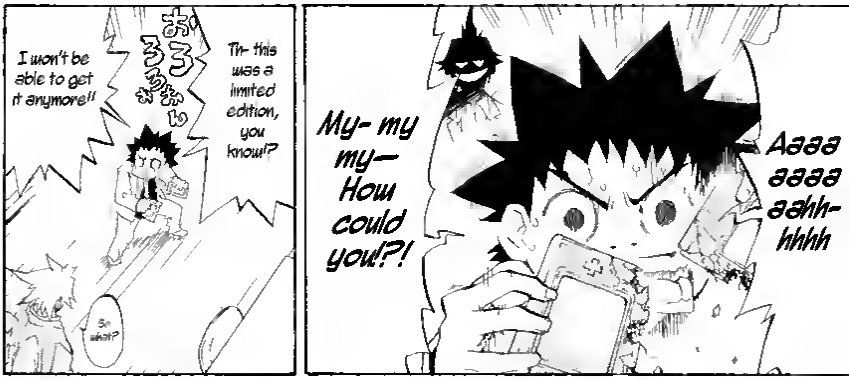

Hey, Hane-kun. What're you doing, helping him out?
And you said getting rid of the baseball club is more important than the 1 million yen!
Pout
I'm sorry, I'm sorry.
Besides, it seems like you've forgotten, but like those guys, I want to get rid of your baseball club too!
Why would I?
It's not like I lost in our little match.

You came to pick up something you forgot, right?
Oh well, let's go then!


—Something I forgot, huh...
Well, let's just say I'm always there to lend a hand to girls!
Hey, what's that supposed to mean!!
Everyday I jog 15km to and back from school It's just too much
Hey, can't we quit it already?
HuFF
HuFF

Ok, break's over!
Huh?
When did he... and he's got all their classes and names too... Who is that guy?
...I wonder if Hino-san's ok...
Besides, this note...
We've got a match!! You were the one that challenged them so put some backbone into it!!
No waaay!!
I can't move another inch!!
That just came out...
Besides,
That was just to come back home.
Pitchers have to put on leg muscles!
We're going for a jog!
What!? Wait, why!?
No, that's not what I meant. I just ran!!
WHAT!!?
We have 3 years in high school, you know!? We could've made the club next year
I- it's all your fault in the first place!
You don't have to rush everything so much!!
That way, those guys would have graduated already and all this wouldn't have—




I won't be able to get it anymore!!
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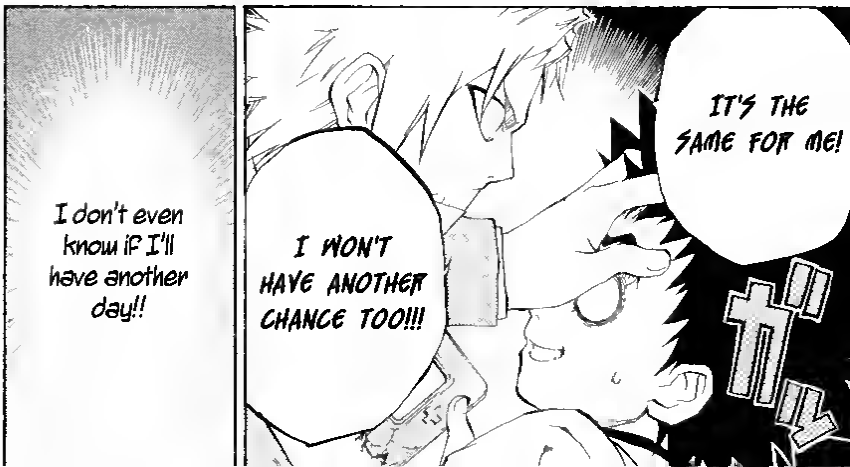
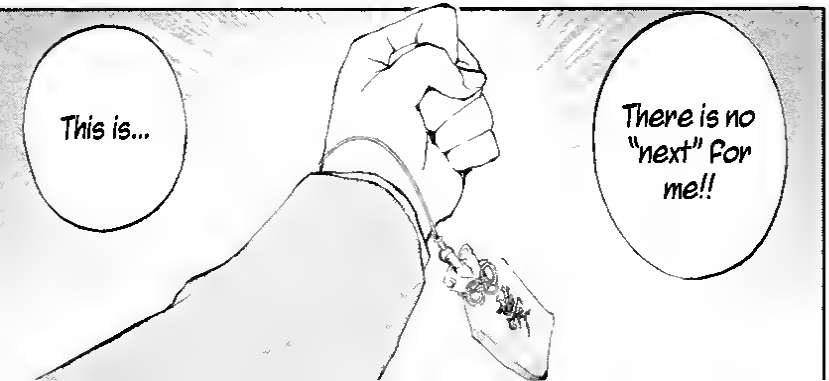
Th- this was a limited edition, you know!?
So what?
My- my my— How could you!?!
Aaaa aaaa aahh- hhhh


I don't even know if I'll have another day!!
I WON'T HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TOO!!!
IT'S THE SAME FOR ME!

My dream was supposed to end there...
...But midget! With you around, I can continue Baseball
I can continue chasing my dream... You're my light!

He laid these steel tracks of light on a whim.
If God really exists,

So I have to hang on, no matter what happens and...
As faint as it is, I don't know when this light will disappear...


This is...
There is no "next" for me!!

He's always talking about his dream and looking forward.
so I'd forgotten...
But his time is already over...
and at His whim, God decided to give Takami more time,
time that's being measured by an invisible sandglass.
There'll be an end for sure...
And yet we can't see how much time is left.
MY LAST TICKET
TO THE KOSHIEN

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瀬戸川
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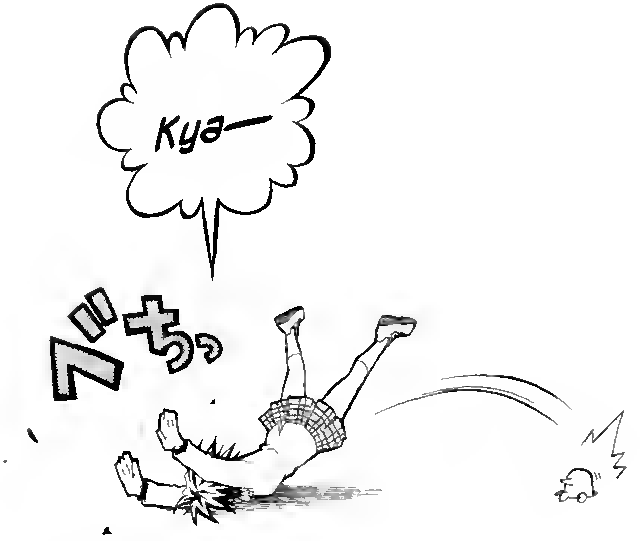
Hey, shrimp!
I'm impressed you showed up!!

They backed out suddenly.
...oo?
瀬戸川
YOU'VE ONLY GOT 5 PEOPLE.
OH, BUT THEN IT LOOKS LIKE

So what're you gonna do? We can't have a match with 9 VS 5.
If you get down on your knees and admit you've lost, I'll think twice about breaking your arm--
AND TO THINK WE EVEN WENT TO SAY HELLO TO A COUPLE OF THEM YESTERDAY.
HAHA HAHAHA
IS THIS ENOUGH
OF AN ADVANTAGE FOR YOU?
...YOU SURE TALK BIG...
...Fucking shrimp
PLAY BALL!!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